

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CH, UR, WB  
SUBJECT: SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS: PRAVDA WARNS AGAINST OVERSEAS  
CHINESE

1. PRAVDA OF JANUARY 13 PUBLISHES A COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN  
BY MIKHAIL GEORGIEV WHICH REPORTS THAT PEKING IS MOBILIZING  
THE OVERSEAS CHINES FOR ITS FOREIGN POLICY AND DOMESTIC  
ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES. IT NOTES THAT THE OVERSEAS CHINES  
WILL BE USED FURTHER PEKIG'S ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITIES.

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IT CALLS THESE CHINES A "FIFTH COLUMN" IN THE STATES WHERE  
THEY EXIST IN LARGE NUMBERS AND WARNS THAT THEY ARE A  
"SERIOUS THREAT" TO THESE STATES.

2. THE PURPOSE OF TIS COLUMN APPEARS TO BE TO  
WARN THAT NO ONE SHOULD BE DECEIVED BY RECENT  
SURFACE CHANGES IN CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY

AND THAT BEHIND THE FACADE OF GREATER PRAGMATISM  
LURKS THE SAME SINISTER DESIGNS WHICH MOSCOW HAS  
LONG ASCRIBED TO PEKING.

3. IN THIS RESPECT JAPANESE  
TELL US THAT IN A CONVERSATION RECENTLY WITH  
SONODA DELEGATION, MIKHAIL KAPITSA, HEAD OF THE  
FIRST FAR EASTERN DEPARTMENT OF MFA DESCRIBED RECENT  
SIGNS OF CHINESE WILLINGNESS TO IMPROVE STATE-TO-STATE  
RELATIONS WITH THE USSR AS A "BIG ZERO".  
AS AN EXAMPLE KAPITSA NOTED THAT DESPITE FOREIGN PRESS  
SPECULATION CONCERNING ITS IMPORTANCE, THE INITIAL  
CALL IN TOKYO BY THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR ON SOVIET AMBASSADOR  
POLYANSKIY WAS STRICTLY PROTOCOLARY AND WAS SO LACKING  
IN SUBSTANCE THAT THE FIRST THAT THE MFA HEARD OF  
ITS "SIGNIFICANCE" WAS THROUGH FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS.  
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